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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Rodney Malcolm DRUITT, et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please delete claims 1-29 and replace with the attached proposed amended claims 1-29. ✓

✓ Please also add the attached Abstract to the application as filed.

REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claims 5-7, 9-18, 20, 21, 23-25, 27 and 29 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee by replacing claims 1-29 with the attached proposed amended claims 1-29. The attached Abstract has also been added. Attached hereto is a clean copy of the claims as amended, as well as a marked-up copy of the changes made to the claims.

Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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